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Raised Bill No. 389

LCO No. 2947



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFIC MITIGATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2023, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, in conjunction
3 with the Department of Transportation, shall develop a training
4 curriculum for police officers concerning traffic incident management.
5 Such curriculum shall be aligned with training developed by the Federal
6 Highway Administration and shall provide for a systematic, planned
7 and coordinated approach to detect, respond and clear traffic incidents
8 in order to restore traffic capacity in a safe and efficient manner.
- 9 (b) On and after October 1, 2023, each police basic or review training
10 program conducted or administered by the Police Officer Standards and
11 Training Council, the Division of State Police within the Department of
12 Emergency Services and Public Protection or a municipal police
13 department shall include the training curriculum developed pursuant
14 to subsection (a) of this section.
- 15 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 14-224 of the 2022 supplement to the

16 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
17 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

18 (d) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly
19 involved in an accident on a [limited access] highway which causes
20 damage to property only shall immediately move or cause [his] the
21 motor vehicle to be moved from the traveled portion of the highway to
22 an untraveled area which is adjacent to the accident site if it is possible
23 to move the motor vehicle without risk of further damage to property
24 or injury to any person.

25 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section,
26 "high occupancy vehicle lane" means a traffic lane reserved for the
27 exclusive use of vehicles with an operator and one or more passengers,
28 and "battery electric vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in
29 section 16-19ee of the general statutes.

30 (b) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may designate lanes
31 on any state highway as a high occupancy vehicle lane and erect or
32 cause to be erected signs identifying any such high occupancy vehicle
33 lane. The office shall permit the operator of a battery electric vehicle to
34 use any such high occupancy vehicle lane, regardless of the number of
35 passengers in the battery electric vehicle, provided the operator displays
36 a decal issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to
37 subsection (l) of section 14-12 of the general statutes, as amended by this
38 act, on the battery electric vehicle at all times when operating in the high
39 occupancy vehicle lane. The office may adopt regulations, in accordance
40 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement
41 the provisions of this section.

42 Sec. 4. Subsection (l) of section 14-12 of the 2022 supplement to the
43 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
44 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

45 (l) (1) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Motor
46 Vehicles shall record the number of electric vehicles, as defined in
47 section 16-19eee, registered in the state. This data shall be publicly

48 available on the department's Internet web site and shall include [(1)]
49 the number of electric vehicles registered in the state each year, and [(2)]
50 the total number of electric vehicles registered in the state. The
51 department shall update this information every six months.

52 (2) On and after October 1, 2022, the Department of Motor Vehicles
53 shall, upon request, issue to a person who registers or has registered a
54 battery electric vehicle, as defined in section 16-19eee, a decal to be used
55 by such person when operating the battery electric vehicle in a high
56 occupancy vehicle lane designated by the Office of State Traffic
57 Administration pursuant to section 3 of this act.

58 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Transportation
59 shall develop a plan to expand the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to
60 investigate motor vehicle accidents and other traffic incidents and to
61 inspect existing transportation facilities. Not later than October 1, 2022,
62 the commissioner shall submit such plan and recommend a level of
63 funding needed to implement such plan, in accordance with the
64 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing
65 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
66 relating to transportation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	14-224(d)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	14-12(l)
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require police officers receive training regarding traffic incident management, (2) require the removal of motor vehicles from the travel portion of any highway after an accident, (3) permit operators of battery electric vehicles to use high occupancy vehicle lanes, and (4) require the Commissioner of Transportation to submit a plan regarding the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to perform investigations and inspections.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]